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Application of: Salah Ait-Mokhtar et al. )  
Appl. No.: 09/738,319 ) Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned  
Filed: December 18, 2000 ) Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING NORMALIZED  
REPRESENTATIONS OF STRINGS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:



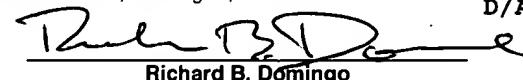
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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In re application of: **Salah Ait-Mokhtar et al.**

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09/738,319	12/18/2000	Not Yet Assigned				
<b>Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GENERATING NORMALIZED REPRESENTATIONS OF STRINGS</b>						
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b> Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
(1)	(2) Claims Remaining after Amend.	(3)	(4) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(5) No. of Extra Claims	(6) Rate	(7) Additional Fee
Total Claims	19	Minus	20 =	0	x \$ 18	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	Minus	3 =	0	x \$ 80	\$ 0.00
Total Additional Fee for this Amendment				\$ 0.00		

- No additional fee is required.
- Charge \$ 0.00 to Deposit Account No. 24-0025. *An additional copy of this sheet is enclosed.*
- Please charge any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.21 and 1.136(a) (but not 1.18), or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 24-0025. *An additional copy of this sheet is enclosed.*
- This constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and an authorization to charge all fees therefor to the above deposit account, if not otherwise specifically requested. This is also an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.
- A return receipt postcard is enclosed.
- Additional papers enclosed:

  
Richard B. Domingo for Thomas Zell

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